



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: On October 16th, 2001, President George W. Bush signed legislation requiring that the United States flag be lowered to half-staff on all federal buildings to memorialize fallen firefighters; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 107-51 requires this action to occur annually in conjunction with the observance of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota Senate File 237 was unanimously passed by the Legislature and signed into law on May 15th, 2009, creating Minnesota Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, Minnesota State Fire Department Association, and Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters Association support this act of recognition and believe it honors their goal of bringing every firefighter home safely at the end of every shift; and

WHEREAS: On average, 100 firefighters make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Every day, the volunteer, paid-on-call, and career firefighters in nearly 800 Minnesota fire departments protect the lives and property of our citizens.

WHEREAS: The President of the United States of America has lowered United States flags at all public buildings, grounds, and military posts of the Federal Government until sunset on Sunday, October 6, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, October 6, 2019, in honor of firefighters who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 4th of October.

A black ink signature of Tim Walz.

GOVERNOR

A black ink signature of Steve Simon.

SECRETARY OF STATE